

Minutes
Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee
On Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child
in Family Matters
February 23, 2021

The Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met via Microsoft Teams and was streamed on YouTube on Tuesday February 23, 2021.

Those in attendance: Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney Susan Hamilton (as designated by Attorney Christine Rapillo); Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly

Absent: Judge Michael Albis, chair.

Also in attendance were Ms. Danielle Johnson from the Division of Public Defender Services, and Attorney Damon Goldstein from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 A.M. by Susan Hamilton.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Liza Andrews. The minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2021 were approved unanimously.

II. Discussion of Pre-Service Training for Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters

The Subcommittee members reviewed a proposed outline for the upcoming training discussing which changes, if any, would be made to the order in which topics would be presented and how long each session would be. The Subcommittee also discussed potential dates for the training to take place. The training will likely be held in 8 2-hour modules with 4 additional hours of additional preparatory reading aside from the training sessions. Finally, the Subcommittee discussed various subtopics that should be covered within each major training topic. Once a comprehensive agenda is finalized and the availability of presenters is confirmed, there will be an additional meeting to discuss the logistics of registration and enrollment.

III. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held on Thursday March 18, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. The meeting will be held remotely using Microsoft Teams and streamed to the public on YouTube.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Liza Andrews and seconded by Justine Rakich-Kelly. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 P.M.